THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Chapter 40
Story of a young girl

Confession of the 50th Black Swan Host Hirasaka Kayuki (Part 1)

WHO DAY DRE-AMED CONST-ANTLY.
THAT'S RIGHT ⋮ I WAS A WELL OFF YOUNG GIRL
WATC-HING MOVIES, TELEVI-SION,
MANGA
AND IMAGINING MYSELF AS THE HEROINE...

TO TURN STRONG AND COOL,
SAVING THE WORLD FROM EVIL PEOPLE,
BECOMING A HEROINE THAT EVERYONE LOVES.
BUT ONE DAY ....
I HAD A SERIOUS ACCIDENT THAT PUT ME IN THE HOSPITAL.
HEY,
KAYUKI?
WHAT WAS THE ACCIDENT?

IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY SCARY.
BUT
I WAS CRUSHED BY MASSIVE STEEL BEAMS,
SO SEVERELY THAT I WOULD NEVER STAND AGAIN.
I DREAMT THAT THE BORING, ORDINARY LIFE THAT I HAD
WOULD TURN INTO A WONDERFUL AND EXCITING STORY.
I WASN'T SAD.
BECAUSE,
BEFORE THE HEROINE THAT SAVES THE WORLD IS BORN, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE TRAGEDY
YOU COMFORTED YOURSELF?
... WAS THAT HOW,

A DELUSION TO HELP ME ESCAPE FROM REALITY...
THAT WAS JUST
...YUP
ONE WEEK LATER...
BUT...
LANDED ON MY PILLOW
A BLACK BIRD WHICH WAS THE BLACK SWAN

WHO IS THE BAD MAN ?
JUST
FRANKLY SPEAKING, I
STILL HELD TRACES OF HATRED TOWARDS AKABARA IN MY HEART.
EVEN AFTER KNOWING THAT HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF OUR RACE.
NOW THAT I KNOW ALL OF THE TRUTHS
BUT...

BUT.
JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE FROM THE CLAN HAD DIED IN REGRET AND AGONY BEFORE THIS?
AKABARA IS NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD SUFFERED.
BUT, THERE'S NO NEED TO PITY HIM.
YOU CAN STOP HATING AKABARA
FUUHAKU IS CORRECT.
HMM THE DASHI
THIS TAMAGO IS WONDER-FUL.
AKA AKABARA!

FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO,
THE PEOPLE CONSUMED BY ADELHEID'S POWERS
AND EVEN THOUGH I HAD TRIED MY BEST TO KEEP THE DEATH TOLL DOWN,
AT LEAST TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ME
COMPARED TO THOSE PEOPLE, THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY THAT I HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY
BESIDES, I DID GET MARRIED TWICE
AND RAISED TWO DAUGHTERS
I MIGHT EVEN BE CLASSIFIED AS FORTUNATE!
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IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
IT'S NOTHING MAJOR

I ENTRUST BRIDGET TO THE TWO OF YOU.
IN THE FUTURE, NO MATTER WHAT BECOMES OF ME,
I CAN'T STAY BY THAT CHILD
NOT THE WHOLE
CLAN?
IT'S TOO HEAVY TO PUSH EVERY-THING ONTO YOU TWO!
I WILL ASK BRIDGET TO TAKE CARE OF THE CLAN
BUT THAT CHILD TENDS TO CONCEAL TOO MUCH FROM HER COMRADES,
AND ONCE SHE IS IN COMMAND, THERE IS A LOT MORE THAT SHE NEEDS TO WORRY ABOUT TOO!

AT THAT TIME, THE TWO OF YOU WHO KNOW EVERY-THING,
WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE HER ENCOUR-AGEMENT THAT OTHERS WON'T BE ABLE TO!
...
WE DON'T NEED TO BE TOLD TO DO THAT!
THAT'S RIGHT

SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU.
THEN I LEAVE MY DAUGHTER IN YOUR CARE.
...
IT'S SO UNRE-ASON-ABLE.
ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO CAN HELP HIM?

Confession of the 50th Black Swan Host Hirasaka Kayuki (Part 2)

I RECOVERED FROM MY SEVERE INJURIES INSTANTLY.
ONCE I WAS POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN,
THAT WAS WHEN I REALISED, THAT
I HAD BECOME THE HEROINE THAT I DREAMT OF.
NOT ONLY DID I RECEIVE SUPER-MAN-LIKE STREN-GTH,
I HAD ALSO INHERITED SOMETHING THAT WAS EVEN MORE DRAMATIC THAN ANYTHING I HAD EVER WATCHED...
MEMORIES OF BATTLES AGAINST VAMPIRES
AND THEN ?

I WAS EVEN SENT TO VISIT THE PSYCHO-LOGISTS
AND WHEN I TOLD THEM WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THINGS GOT WORSE
MY ABNORMAL RECOVERY,
AND THE WEIRD PATTERNS THAT APPEARED ON MY HANDS, HAD THE HOSPITAL IN AN UPROAR.
I MET MY GRAND-FATHER, WHO I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW EXISTED, GM
AND IN THE END
I HAD THE ABILITY AND THE MEMORIES TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL HUMANKIND'S FATE
HE INFORMED ME OF THE SEIJINFUJO'S PLANS TO INVADE EARTH
AND THE DANGER THAT HUMANITY WAS ABOUT TO FACE

I WAS INSANELY HAPPY
TRUTH-FULLY,
NOT ONLY WERE THERE VAMPIRES,
THERE WERE ALSO ALIENS!
THERE'S NO OTHER STAGE THAT'S MORE FITTING FOR THE ULTIMATE HEROINE!
AND THUS
.....YES
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ALWAYS EXPRES-SIONLESS
YOU WERE EMBARRAS-SED TO LET OTHERS FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR GLEE

I STAYED WITH GRAND-FATHER AND RECEIVED ALL SORTS OF TRAINING.
TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE FUTURE
AND DURING ALL THAT TIME, I
NEVER ONCE
CONSIDERED, WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE EXPERIMENT ?
TO MIMIC THE MOON'S SURFACE.. WE USED ROCKS OF SIMILAR COMPOSITIONS FOR ANALYSIS AND THE RESTRUC-TURING.
NITROGEN, OXYGEN, AND CARBON DIOXIDE,
AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS ARE IN THE SAME PERCENTILE AS THE EARTH'S ATMOSP-HERE.
THE QUEEN'S POWER IS REALLY ASTONI-SHING
AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S IN THE LABORA-TORY,
THE MOON CAN BE "TERRA-FORMED".
THIS WAY, IN PLACE OF MICRO ORGANISMS AND BACTERIA,

THUS, THEY CAN REPRODUCE THEMSELVES ENDLESSLY
AND CONSTANTLY EVOLVE THE ENVIRONMENT
THAT'S RIGHT.
RATHER THAN USING THE MAGIC DIRECTLY
IT CAN BE USED TO CREATE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO BACTERIA WITH SPECIAL POWERS
SO SHE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO "TERRAFORM" THE MOON BETTER THAN ME
THE "CORROSION" BACK THEN WAS THE WORK OF THESE SAME BACTERIA.
ORIGINALLY, ADELHEID'S POWER HAD THAT SPECIAL ABILITY TOO
CAN ALSO BE ADJUSTED DOWN BY THE "MAGICAL BACTERIA"?
AND SO, THE SOLAR RADIATIONS

OVER 20KM WIDE OF THE MOON'S SURFACE WILL BE "TERRA-FORMED" FOR 500 YEARS
ACCO-RDING TO MY CALCUL-ATIONS
AND WITH THE ABILITY TO RES-POND TOO
CREATING A DOME OF GASES THAT WILL ENCOMPASS A CERTAIN AREA,
THUS, IT WILL BE A SNAP FOR THEM TO INVESTIGATE THE RESOURCES ON THE MOON,
AND GIVE THEM ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOME TO LIVE IN BEFORE THE PROTECTION WEARS OFF.
IT SHOULDN'T POSE A PROBLEM FOR THE DHAMPIRES IN THEIR DAILY ACTIVI-TIES
"BUT EVEN SO THE TEMPERA-TURE AND RADIATION WILL BE VERY TOUGH FOR HUMANS TO ENDURE BUT
AS LONG AS WE CAN ENSURE THE TRANSPOR-TATION BETWEEN THE MOON AND EARTH,
THE DOME CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN A HUNDRED YEARS
HEY --- NAZUNA !

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO SEE
MR AKABARA, YOU'RE HERE TOO?
HOW ABOUT JOINING US MR LEE?
THE EXPERIMENT RESULTS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED!
EXPERIMENT?
YESTERDAY, WE HAD HER MAJESTY GO INTO A ROOM THAT HAD CONDITIONS IDENTICAL TO THE MOON.
AND SHE HAD MANAGED TO CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT TO THE SAME AS EARTH'S
AND THE ENVIRONMENT IS STILL SELF-SUSTAINING AFTER 24 HOURS
NICE!
SO THE MAIN POINT OF "THE LAST FEATHER" PROJECT IS
FOR HER MAJESTY TO "TERRAFORM" THE MOON?
BY THE WAY, NAZUNA!

EVEN THOUGH IT IS NECES-SARY,
YOU'RE STILL THE SAME, USING THAT KIND OF FACE TO DESIGN DANGEROUS ENGINES --
THIS WAS THE NEW ENGINE DESIGN THAT HAD BEEN DROPPED BECAUSE OF SAFETY REASONS
If it is used, it can load 3 times more material than usual.
WITHOUT GIVING YOU ANY CHOICE
TO DRAG THE TWO OF YOU INTO OUR CLAN'S TROUBLES,
MY CHILD-HOOD DREAM
HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOING TO SPACE...
I APOLO-GIZE TO YOU, YET AGAIN

AND THE RESULT ?
I WISHED THAT I COULD WORK ON SOME-THING RELATED TO SPACE.
BUT ONCE I REALISED THAT I COULDN'T BE AN ASTRO-NAUT, OR HEAD OUT TO SPACE BY ANY OTHER METHODS,
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME.
I SHOULD BE THE ONE THANKING YOU!
BECAUSE OF MR. AKABARA, MY DREAM CAME TRUE SPECTAC-ULARLY!
IT IS MY PRIDE AND JOY THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN ME
BUT HAVING SOMEONE THAT ACTUALLY VIEWS US WITH SUCH REGARD, IS A DREAM COME TRUE
AS ROCKET SCIEN-TISTS, WE WERE OVER LOOKED AND SEEN AS WEIRD,

THANK YOU.
WE PROMISE YOU.
WE WILL CREATE SCIENTIFIC TECHNIQUES THAT WILL EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS.
AND FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR CLAN,
AND I WISH THAT THE TWO OF YOU,
WILL BE BLESSED BY THE MOON!

QUEEN'S ABILITY TO "TERRAFORM", IS IT REALLY THAT AMAZING?
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HEY, NAZUNA, THE
IT REALLY IS AMAZING, BUT
THERE IS A PROBLEM
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO "TERRAFORM" THE MOON,
THE QUEEN WILL NEED TO SACRIFICE HER LIFE, RIGHT?
IT'S STILL OKAY IN THE LAB
BUT ON THE VAST MOON SURFACE, IT WILL REQUIRE TREMENDOUS MAGICAL POWER.
I HAD HEARD THAT IF THE QUEEN DOESN'T GIVE UP HER LIFE, IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THE LAWS OF ENERGY

IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO REQUIRE TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF ENERGY
FOR THE MOON, YOU MUST REVIVE THE ALREADY DEAD EARTH, AND MAINTAIN IT,
EVEN THOUGH IT SOUNDS CRUEL,
IT IS A NECESSARY METHOD TO OBTAIN A NEW HOMELAND THROUGH THE DEATH OF THE ONE,
WHO HAD DESTROYED IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
TO THE VAMPIRE CLAN OR THE QUEEN,
AND EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE BEST WAY, IT'S STILL SO CALLOUS
FOR THAT MAN, JUST WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD?

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THE GRAND-FATHER THAT WANTS TO SAVE THE HUMANS IS NOT EXACTLY HONEST
WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH SIN HE HAS ALREADY COMMIT-TED?
THERE'S ONE PORTION OF MY BRAIN THAT'S VERY CLEAR
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BUT I PRETEND NOT TO SEE ANY-THING
GOING THRO-UGH THE MEMO-RIES,
I CAN IMAGINE ALL OF THE SINS HE HAS COMMITTED
I JUST NEED TO DEFEAT THE VAMPIRE KING-

IF I TREAT HIM AS AN ENEMY AND DEFEAT HIM!
NOBODY WILL OBJECT.
BUT—
I AM A SUPER HEROINE!
A SUPER HEROINE MUST HAVE THIS KIND OF PURITY.
BUT EVEN SO, I STILL WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THE VAMPIRE KING IS THE VILLAIN.
I WANT TO HATE HIM.
THE TRUTH KEEPS ON CHANGING,
TILL I DON'T KNOW WHICH TO TRUST.

BUT
OTHER-WISE, I WON'T BE THE HEROINE
I WILL BECOME THE VILLAIN
YES
YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO FACE THE TRUTH,
I AM THE SAME AS BEF-ORE,
ALWAYS HIDING WITHIN MYSELF
AS YOU WANT TO BE THE HEROINE OF YOUR DREAMS

THE REASON THAT I BELIEVE MYSELF TO BE A "HEROINE"
IS THE EXIS-TENCE OF THE VAMPIRE KING...
BUT THE TRUTH,
IS HIDDEN WITHIN MY HEART.
THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN BE SURE OF IS,
PURE EVIL DOES NOT EXIST ANY-WHERE.
EVERY-ONE IS COR-RECT,
EVERY-ONE IS WOUN-DED...
THAT I AM A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL.

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BUT I STILL FEEL SO GUILTY
AND EVEN THOUGH I HAD PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS,
THE GM HAS NO FURTHER OPTIONS LEFT TO HIM
HE'S LOSING HIS PERSONNEL AND ASSETS
SORRY,
I HAD NOTHING TO DO.
VAMPIRE KING!
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PEOPLE CAN'T ALWAYS TROUBLE HIM, BUT
HMMM
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO!
MISS BRIDGET TOLD HER THAT "YOUR EDUCATION IS NOT ENOUGH" AND IS MERCILESSLY INSTRUCTING HER
HAVE YOU HEARD?
MISS LAETITA HAS BEEN RECEIVING SPECIAL TRAINING FROM MISS BRIDGET RECENTLY.
EVERYONE IS WORKING HARD SO AS TO,
LIGHTEN THE BURDEN YOU HAD BEEN BEARING
AND IT'S JUST NOT BRIDGET AND LAETITA,
AND EVEN THOUGH SHE GRUMBLES, SHE WORKS HARD
THAT'S GOOD

THEY ARE WORKING HARD
IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU.
YOUR POSITION HAS TURNED INTO A MINOR ONE
I WAS ORIGINALLY IN A MINOR POSITION ANYWAY
BUT NOW THAT I'M ABLE TO WORK UNDER THE IDEAL BEAUTY,
IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
MAYBE THIS VERY ISLAND IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT YOU DO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT
TRUE
I AM AN APPROPRIATE GOOD GUY AND AN APPROPRIATE VILLAIN
I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO INVOLVE MYSELF IN THE SURROUNDING CHAOS
AND TO APPROPRIATELY LIVE ON HAPPILY
WELL THEN

I WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL IF,
YOU WOULD PROPERLY LOOK AFTER MY DAUGHTERS AND CLAN
HUH,
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.
STILL WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
YOU SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT YOURSELF!

Confession of the 50th Black Swan Host Hirasaka Kayuki (Part 4)

THE FOOLISH ME FACES A HUGE CHOICE.
AND NOW THAT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN REVEALED
I MUST KILL SOME-ONE.
WHO IS SO KIND AND TRAGIC!
I MUST KILL THE VAMPIRE KING!
BE EXCHANGED FOR SOMEONE AS IRREPLA-CEABLE AS HE?
HOW CAN THE LIFE OF THE LITTLE GIRL THAT I AM,
EVEN THOUGH I WILL DIE.

EVEN IF I LIVE ON, I WILL ONLY MAKE FOOLISH DREAMS
THAT HAVE NO MEANING
BUT...
BUT...
IF I DON'T KILL HIM, HIS SUFFERING WILL NEVER END!
AND MISS STELLA WILL NEVER BE FREED FROM THE BLACK SWAN'S CHAINS!
DO...
DO I REALLY HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION?
I KNOW THAT I AM A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL,
HOW CAN I FEEL THAT I KNOW WHAT THE CORRECT CHOICE TO MAKE IS?

JUST
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
...SORRY
MAYBE IT ISN'T APPRO-PRIATE FOR ME TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU
BUT——

I'M MOST LIKELY THE ONE WHO CAN UNDER-STAND YOU THE MOST!
BECAUSE I WAS ONCE A FOOLISH GIRL TOO.
AND ON THE DAY THAT I AWAKENED FROM MY LONG SLEEP
NO
I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.
I WAS STRUCK DUMB, JUST LIKE YOU!
I WAS SUDDENLY CONFRONTED BY MY STUPIDITY AND MISTAKES,
EVEN NOW, NOBODY CAN FEEL YOUR MISGIVINGS AND FEARS
ACCEPTING A PLAN THAT WILL RESULT IN YOUR DEATH...
BUT YOU ARE STRONG

KAYUKI,
THERE IS A VERY BIG DIFFER-ENCE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US.
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO BECOME AS STRONG?
IF I CANNOT BECOME RESOLUTE, I CAN ONLY GO MAD.
I LET STELLA DIE,
AND I'M A BLOOD DRENCHED QUEEN THAT HAD MURDERED THOUSANDS OF HER SUBJECTS.
I AM NOT STRONG
BUT I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
IF YOU WISH TO BECOME STRONG,
ONLY YOU CAN CONQUER YOUR OWN PAIN.

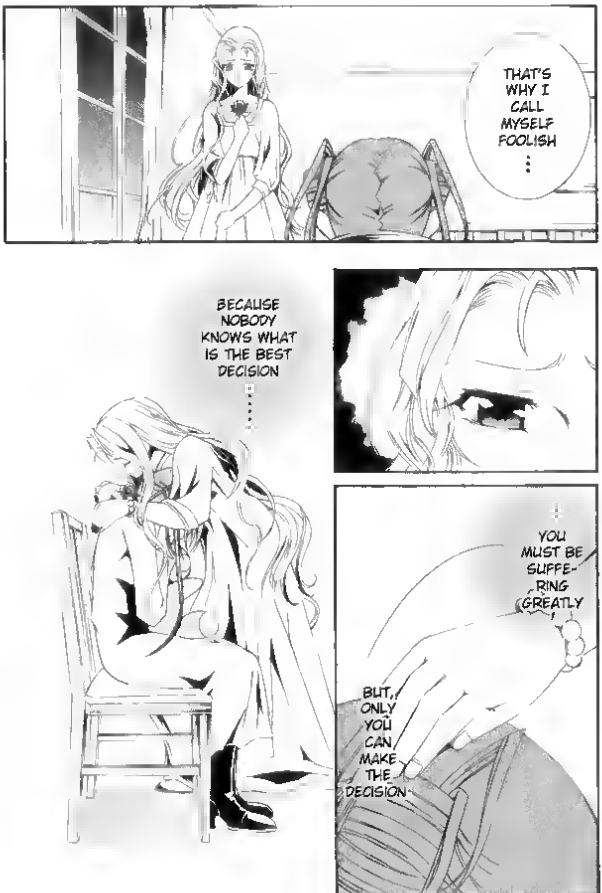
AND BECOME, FOR SOME-ONE, A NECES-SARY
IRREPL-ACEABLE EXIST-ENCE.
AND IF YOU CAN CONQUER IT,
YOU ARE NO LONGER A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL.
I SHOULD KILL THE VAMPIRE KING?
DOES THAT MEAN THAT
SINCE THERE ARE STILL SUBJECTS, THE KING HAS THE RESPON-SIBILITY TO LEAD THEM
HE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP BECAUSE OF PRIVATE REASONS
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS?
SPEA-KING FROM THE QUEEN'S POINT OF VIEW,
STRAUSS SHOULD LIVE ON

I WISH THAT HE WOULD LIVE
AS LONG AS HE LIVES, MAYBE HE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND A BETTER SOLUTION
MAYBE A CHANCE FOR HIM TO BE FORTUN-ATE WILL COME
IT'S WRONG FOR STRAUSS TO JUST DIE,
AFTER ALL THAT HE HAS SUFFERED FOR THE PAST THOUSAND YEARS.
BUT.....
BUT MAYBE, THAT IS.....
JUST EXTENDING STRAUSS' SUFFERING
AND, IF YOU CHOOSE DEATH JUST TO AVOID MAKING A DECISION
IT WILL ONLY END UP HURTING THAT MAN...

WHAT CAN I DO, TO LET THAT MAN
KAYUKI
WHY IS IT THAT ONLY I CAN MAKE THAT MAN SUFFER?
JUST BY TOUCHING HIM, I HURT HIM
!?
YOU LIKE STRAUSS RIGHT?
MY
:
:
MY BODY
HAS MISS STELLA?

NO MATTER HOW DEEP SHE HIDES HER-SELF,
DO YOU THINK THAT LOVE WON'T AFFECT YOU AT ALL?
IT'S NOT JUST ME, ALL OF THE BLACK SWAN HOSTS BEFORE ME,
ALL OF THEM
TO TY
TO R.
EVERY SINGLE ONE ...
I NEVER HATED THAT MAN

NO, NO
THAT IS JUST AN EXCUSE
THAT MAN IS STRONG
LONELY
FULL OF PAIN
AND EVEN IF HE IS A SINNER,
HE IS STILL NOBLE
BEAUTIFUL


THAT'S WHY I CALL MYSELF FOOLISH ...
BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IS THE BEST DECISION ...
YOU MUST BE SUFFE-RING GREATLY
BUT, ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE DECISION

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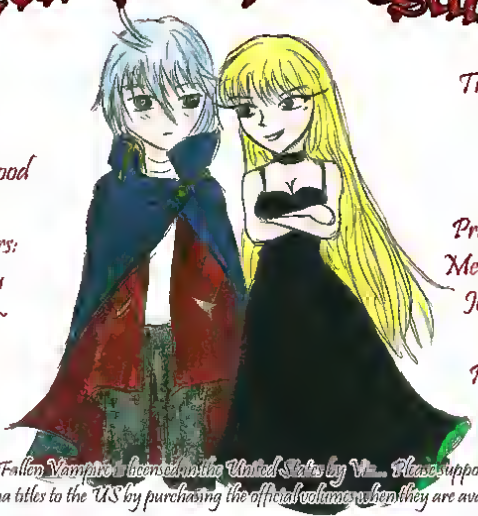

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